(c) and (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has proposed to incur Rs. 12,434 crore during Eleventh Five Year Plan for the development and modernization of various airports in the country. Year-wise allocation of capital outlay proposed to be incurred by AAI during Eleventh Plan is: 2007-08 Rs. 2053 crore, 2008-09 Rs. 3310 crore, 2009-10 Rs. 2894 crore, 2010-11 Rs. 2219 crore and year 2011-12 Rs. 1958 crore.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Promotion of in-flight service officers of Indian Airlines

722. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the agreement between Indian Airlines and Air Corporation Employees Union it was agreed that after completion of two years all In-Flight Service (IFS) officers would be promoted as Assistanct Manager (IFS);

(b) if so, by when all those In-Flight Service Officers would be promoted as Assistanct Manager (IFS);

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the agreement all officers of 9A grade in all departments, other than the department of IFS, have been promoted;

(d) if so, by when all officers of the Department of IFS would be promoted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. There is no such agreement between erstwhile Indian Airlines and Air Corporation Employees Union (ACEU).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There was no agreement for promotion in respect of officers of 9A grade as Assistant Manager in the Memorandum of Settelement signed on 15.06.2007 with ACEU. However, all officers of 9A grade, other than Cabin Crew Cadre of In-Flight Services (IFS) Department, have been placed in the grade of Assistant Manager without any incremental financial benefits.

(d) and (e) Exercise for revision of career progression of Cabin Crew Cadre of IFS Department has already been carried out in the year 2001-02. Avenues were created for their career progression by creating additional 70 posts at the level of Assistant Manager (IFS) which were filled by promotion/selection from the post of officer (IFS) in grade 9A.

Hike in fuel surcharge by domestic airlines

723. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the domestic airlines are contemplating a hike in fuel surcharge levied on each ticket; and

(b) if so, what is the basis and the extent of hike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Domestic air fares are not being regulated by the Government. Domestic airlines aer free to charge air fares as per the market forces.